

Future: *We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.*
—Charles F. Kettering, American engineer, 1876 - 1958



AED observes second "Aloha Day." In what appears a rapidly forming tradition, Alaska District observed "Aloha Day" on April 1 in honor of their first anniversary of membership in POD. Upon formally joining the Honolulu, Japan and Korea districts a year ago, AED employees donned "aloha wear" and rushed outside (and back inside, no doubt) for a group photograph. This year they were joined by USACE director of military programs Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, POD commander Col. (P) Carl A. Strock, and POD director of programs management Tom Ushijima. Photo by AED.

Regional Roundup

Changes in command throughout the division will be plentiful this summer. HED commander Lt. Col. (P) Ralph H. Graves has an assignment in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management at the Pentagon and will be succeeded on July 2 by Lt. Col. Wally Walters, currently assigned to CINCPAC, J-5 at Camp Smith.

On July 15, JED commander Jonathan A. Jacobsen will become deputy of military programs at HQUSACE and be replaced by Col. Thomas Charlson, who is currently at the Pentagon.

Also on July 15, Maj. James F. Ball, deputy HED commander will go to TRADOC headquarters at Fort Monroe, Va. to work in combat development and be replaced by Maj. David Austin from Fort Leonard-Wood, Mo.

FED commander Col. James L. Hickey will leave Korea July 16 and be replaced by Col. David J. Rehbein, currently the plans and policy officer at the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Lt. Col. Dale A. Knieriemen, FED Deputy Commander is going to the New Orleans District as Deputy Commander with an August reporting date.

Later in the summer, POD Chief-of-Staff Col. Allan B. Carroll, will leave to become the district commander at Norfolk District and be replaced by Col. Donald Pawlowski from Fort Leonard-Wood, Mo.

The Far East District (FED) hosted its first contractor construction safety certification course in February for members of the Korean Military Contractors Association (KMCA).

There were 34 students representing 17 different Korean construction firms attending the first class. All instruction was in English, although the students were provided with manuals translated into Korean. Topics included safety program management; personal protective and safety equipment; electrical safety; hand and power tool safety; control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout);

safe access and fall protection; work platform safety; excavation safety; welding and cutting safety; sanitation; and medical and first aid requirements. The District plans to conduct at least five Contractor Construction Safety Certification courses during calendar year 1998.

Awards are plentiful for AED this year with the March announcements that the district has won the Secretary of Defense productivity awards for two Alaskan projects: Akutan Naval Station and Coordinated Comprehensive Cleanup (C3). Deputy Secretary of Defense White will present the awards on May 13 in the Pentagon.

Also, at the S.A.M.E. annual conference in New York on May 21, will receive a citation in facility design for the Joint Mobility Complex at Elmendorf Air Base and the Air Force Construction Agent of the Year award.

In the late spring or early summer at the Construction and Engineering training conference in Washington, D.C., Joseph T. DesGranges, a Quality Assurance Representative at the Alaska District's Richardson Resident Office will receive the POD Hard Hat of the Year award.